



# **Town of Hopkinton, NH**

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## **SELECTMEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010 Approved with amendments April 26, 2010**

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:30 PM on Monday, April 19, 2010

### **Present:**

Jim O'Brien, Chairman  
Tom Congoran, Selectman  
George Langwasser, Selectman  
Bryan Pellerin, Selectman  
Neal Cass, Town Administrator  
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Absent: Chris Lawless, Selectman

Public Present: Dot Proulx, MP Bourque, Jason LaCombe, Janet Krzyzaniak, Bob LaPree, Mary Leadbeater, Denis Goddard, Bonnie & Lester Cressy, Rob Sunberg, Trent Spiner, Deb Augustine, Police Chief Steve Pecora, Brian O'Connor, TJ Hennessey

### **I. ADMINISTRATIVE**

The Board approved the following:

Vendor Disbursement and Payroll Manifests  
Building/Use Permit  
For Review – Selectmen's Notes and Correspondence  
For Signature – Appointment papers for Open Space Committee

Chairmen O'Brien opened the meeting at 5:31 pm. At this time, he asked Police Chief Steve Pecora to come forward. Chief Pecora introduced TJ Hennessey, citing his history with the Hopkinton Police Department and announcing that he has been promoted to Corporal. Chairmen O'Brien administrated the oath of office.

Chief Pecora then introduced Brian O'Connor, recently hired patrol officer, citing his background. Chairmen O'Brien administrated the oath of office. The Board took a 5 minute recess.

### **II. PUBLIC FORUM**

Calling the meeting back to order, Chairmen O'Brien announced that Dr. Richard Rosen was unavailable for tonight but has rescheduled for May 3 and opened the Public Forum.

Merle Dustin inquired about an update on the lawn at the bandstand. It was noted that Lester Cressy and Jim O'Brien inspected the lawn and bandstand. They have come up with some ideas and will move forward.

Janet Krzyzaniak stated that she heard that soda cans were been dumped on the ground at the transfer station and then scooped up and put in the hopper. Further stating that she had not witnessed it, just hear about it from someone.

Bob LaPree stated that the agenda was vague as to what was being discussed.

Merle Dustin noted the boundary market between Webster & Hopkinton is almost in the water.

### **III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS**

Steve Clough and the Webster Selectmen, David Klumb, George K. Hashem and George C. Cummings came forward to discuss trash options with the Hopkinton Selectmen. Discussion ensued with regards to the differences between Cassella and Waste Management concerning fuel surcharges and transportation costs. Selectmen Congoran made a motion to go with the proposal from Waste Management. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion. Further discussion ensued with regards to the difference in cost between the two.

**VOTE:** Congoran, Pellerin, O'Brien and Langwasser voting in favor of the motion. No votes against. Motion passes 4-0.

George Hashem of the Webster Selectmen, made a motion to accept the bid offered by Waste Management. Selectmen Cummings seconded the motion.

Vote: Hashem, Cummings and Klumb voting in favor of the motion. No votes against. Motion passes 3-0.

Steve Clough will have the contract drawn up for next Monday's meeting.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 13, 2010. Selectmen Congoran seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Langwasser, O'Brien, Congoran and Pellerin voting in favor of the motion. No votes against. Motion passes 4-0.

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to accept the Non public Minutes of April 13, 2010, Session I. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Langwasser, O'Brien, Congoran and Pellerin voting in favor of the motion. No votes against. Motion passes 4-0.

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to accept the Non public Minutes of April 13, 2010, Session II. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Langwasser, O'Brien, Congoran and Pellerin voting

in favor of the motion. No votes against. Motion passes 4-0.

Selectmen Congoran made a motion to accept the Non public Minutes of April 13, 2010, Session II. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Langwasser, O'Brien, Congoran and Pellerin voting in favor of the motion. No votes against. Motion passes 4-0.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

Selectmen Congoran gave a brief summary of the first PAYT Committee meeting which met on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The Committee decided to meet twice a month, the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. There was discussion at the meeting with regards to the haulers tipping fees, the possibility of increased traffic at the transfer station, peak times and possible staffing increases. A further discussion ensued with regards to the bags, possible use of coupons and the environmental impact. Selectmen Langwasser suggested the committee review costs and explore all possible avenues for bags including paper bags, which would be incinerated. It was noted by a member of the audience what comes out of the stacks at the incinerator is actually vapor and not smoke. Further discussion continued with regards to traffic at the transfer station, it was noted that the backups will occur at the hopper. A discussion ensued with regards to the stickers that are to be on the car. Mr. Clough stating that many people just don't want the stickers on their cars and so don't use them. Checking for stickers will be time consuming. Mr. Clough will outline the possible issues that may occur and get back to the Board.

It was noted that the area haulers were at the meeting.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Cass handed the Board a letter from Tom and Mary Congoran with a request for the Town to once again sponsor the Contoocook Carry. Discussion ensued with regards to what "sponsorship" actual is. It was noted that Bob Blanchette keeps track of the donations and Robin Buchanan sends out the thank you letters.

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion that the Board of Selectmen to authorize Tom & Mary Congoran to handle the details of Contoocook Carry and Wood for Warmth. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion. Mr. Cass recommended that the Board use the word sponsor instead of authorize. Selectmen Langwasser amended his motion to state the Town will sponsor the Contoocook Carry. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the amended motion.

**VOTE:** Langwasser, O'Brien, Congoran and Pellerin voting in favor of the motion. No votes against. Motion passes 4-0.

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Cass informed the Board that Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) will be holding two informational meetings for public input with regards the sidewalk construction on Cedar and Kearsarge Streets.

It was noted that the Board received two List of Real Estate and Personal Property on which Exemption is Claimed. One is for NFI and the other is for Contoocook Riverways.

There being no further business, motion by Selectman Congoran to enter a non public session in regards to RSA 91-a:3 II (a). Selectman Langwasser seconded the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Congoran: yes; Langwasser: yes; Pellerin: yes;

O'Brien: yes. No votes against. Motion passes 4-0.

The Board entered non public session at 7:00 pm. There will be no further business discussed after the non public session.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan

Administrative Assessing Assistant

*These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting.*